

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A portable computer, comprising:

a portable computer housing having a top deck with an opening disposed over a selected component;

a display coupled to the portable computer housing, the display being movable to a closed position along the top deck; and

a component cover removably mounted over the opening, the component cover having tool-less actuation to an open position to permit access to the selected component.

2. (Original) The portable computer as recited in claim 1, further comprising a network card removably disposed beneath the component cover.

3. (Original) The portable computer as recited in claim 2, further comprising a real time clock battery disposed beneath the component cover.

4. (Original) The portable computer as recited in claim 3, further comprising a BIOS firmware hub disposed beneath the component cover.

5. (Original) The portable computer as recited in claim 1, wherein the component cover comprises at least one tab positioned to engage the portable computer housing proximate the opening.

6. (Original) The portable computer as recited in claim 5, wherein the component cover comprises at least one flexible catch disposed generally opposite the at least one tab to releasably hold the component cover over the opening.

7. (Original) The portable computer as recited in claim 6, wherein the component cover is formed from a plastic material.

8. (Original) The portable computer as recited in claim 2, wherein the display is coupled to the portable computer housing by a hinge.

9. (Original) The portable computer as recited in claim 2, wherein the component cover comprises at least one tab positioned to engage the portable computer housing proximate the opening.

10. (Original) The portable computer as recited in claim 9, wherein the component cover comprises at least one flexible catch disposed generally opposite the at least one tab to releasably hold the component cover over the opening.

11. (Original) The portable computer as recited in claim 2, wherein the portable computer housing is a notebook computer housing.

12. (Currently Amended) An electronic device, comprising:

a device housing having a top deck with an opening disposed over a selected component;

a display coupled to the device housing, the display being movable to a closed position along the top deck; and

a component cover removably mounted over the opening, the component cover having tool-less actuation to an open position to permit access to the selected component.

13. (Original) The electronic device as recited in claim 12, further comprising a network card disposed beneath the component cover.

14. (Original) The electronic device as recited in claim 13, further comprising a real time clock battery disposed beneath the component cover.

15. (Original) The electronic device as recited in claim 14, further comprising a BIOS firmware hub disposed beneath the component cover.

16. (Original) The electronic device as recited in claim 12, wherein the component cover comprises at least one tab positioned to engage the device housing proximate the opening.

17. (Original) The electronic device as recited in claim 16, wherein the component cover comprises at least one flexible catch disposed generally opposite the at least one tab to releasably hold the component cover over the opening.

18. (Original) The electronic device as recited in claim 17, wherein the component cover is formed from a plastic material.

19. (Original) The electronic device as recited in claim 13, wherein the display is coupled to the device housing by a hinge.

20. (Original) The electronic device as recited in claim 13, wherein the component cover comprises at least one tab positioned to engage the device housing proximate the opening.

21. (Original) The electronic device as recited in claim 20, wherein the component cover comprises at least one flexible catch disposed generally opposite the at least one tab to releasably hold the component cover over the opening.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of facilitating replacement of a modem card in a device capable of communicating over a network, comprising:

locating a modem card connector within a portable computer housing at a position between a motherboard and a top deck of the housing;

forming an opening through the top deck proximate the modem card connector; and

removably connecting a quick-release cover to the portable computer housing to cover the opening.

23. (Original) The method as recited in claim 22, further comprising connecting a network card to the modem card connector.

24. (Original) The method as recited in claim 23, further comprising mounting a real time clock battery beneath the quick-release cover.

25. (Original) The method as recited in claim 24, further comprising placing a BIOS firmware hub beneath the quick-release cover.

26. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 22, wherein removably connecting comprises coupling the quick-release cover to the portable computer housing with a plurality of tabs.

27. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 26, wherein removably connecting further comprises coupling the quick-release cover to the portable computer housing with a flexible catch.

28. (Original) The method as recited in claim 22, wherein forming comprises forming the opening adjacent a computer keyboard.

29. (Currently Amended) A system of facilitating replacement of a modem card in a device capable of communicating over a network, comprising:

means for locating a modem card connector within a portable computer housing at a position between a motherboard and a top deck of the housing;

means for forming an opening through the top deck proximate the modem card connector; and

means for removably connecting a quick-release cover to the portable computer housing to cover the opening.

30. (Original) The system as recited in claim 29, wherein the means for forming comprises an edge defining the opening.

31. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 29, wherein the means for removably connecting comprises at least one flexible catch.